

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract at page 30 of the present application with the following paragraph:

“The invention includes ~~a treatment~~ an apparatus for treating fibrous cellulosic raw material suitable for use in a paper making plant. ~~[[,]]~~ The apparatus extracts ~~comprising extracting means for extracting~~ contrary material from the raw material, ~~crushing means for crushing~~ crushes the raw material to remove nodes therefrom and ~~splitting means for splitting~~ splits the crushed raw material lengthways. A co-rotating twin screw conveyor is used to pulp the crushed material, the conveyor ~~being divided up into~~ comprising a plurality of temperature and/or pressure controlled zones, wherein treatment materials may be inserted ~~means for inserting treatment materials~~ into at ~~at~~ [[a]] least one zone ~~and means for controlling the temperature and/or pressure of all of the zones~~. The black liquor effluent produced in the pulping process is treated in an apparatus comprising an evaporator for concentrating the liquor to 30-70% solids, a processing vessel for treating the concentrated liquor at a temperature of between 300-600C, and a closed conveyor for transporting the concentrated liquor from the evaporator to the processing vessel at a temperature in excess of 90C. The invention also includes ~~the method involved in~~ methods for using the above apparatus.”